

## Menomonie Urban Forestry Board Minutes

Wednesday, March 16, 2022 – 2:00pm – Council Chambers -1<sup>st</sup> Floor

### **Committee Members Present:**

John Anshus (Absent)	Cindy Gilberts (Absent)	Joe Jax (Chair) (2.5 hrs.)
Bob Giede (Absent)	Dennis Kropp (Absent)	Mike Schendel (1.0 hr)
Mike Smith (1.0 hr)	Eric Sutherland (1.5 hrs.) Zoom	

**Others present:** Dick Henning, Megen Hines, Tammy Eckert

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Joe Jax. A sign-up sheet was passed around the room and volunteer hours were noted. Those appearing via Zoom were recorded along with their volunteer hours. February minutes were sent to the committee prior to the meeting and were reviewed. A motion was made by Mike Schendel, and seconded by Mike Smith to accept those minutes. Motion carried.

**Public Comment:** None

**Memoriam Plaque Design and Placement for Nancy Schofield:** Dick Henning submitted photos of the plaque design & wording to the board for review. The board chose the Gold Plaque with black lettering to be placed on a natural stone to be placed in the wood chips beside the bench in Wilson Park.

**Tree Selectin in Nancy's honor:** As soon as Bobolink's opens Dick Henning will make a tree selection to plant.

**Arbor Day Celebration Plans and Date:** Arbor Day will be celebrated on Friday, April 29, 2022 with plans to plant a tree in Nancy Schofield's honor in Wilson Park. Festivities are planned to start at 10am.

**LCIP Project by Galloway Creek:** Megan Hines reports work continues to clear the area along 5<sup>th</sup> Street – The goal is to clear the whole corridor but part of the land is located on personal property and with those owners living out of town it makes it more of a challenge to get permission to clear all the way to 9<sup>th</sup> Street. Again, work on funding has been pursued but so far unsuccessful due to staff shortages. Plans to recruit help in the form of Middle School volunteers has been planned for Earth Day, April 22<sup>nd</sup>

**LCIP Annual Meeting:** Is scheduled for Thursday, March 24<sup>th</sup> from 2-4pm in the Council Chambers – 1<sup>st</sup> floor of City Hall. UFB members, Dick Henning, and Megen Hines have been invited. A two-hour meeting has been planned.

**Urban Forestry Board Member Opening:** Again, there is still an open seat on the board and those that wish to recommend someone for the position on the Urban Forestry Board committee are asked to submit that person's name to Mayor, Randy Knaack.

### **Urban Forester Report:**

- City Tree Canopy Inventory: Work continues on marking removals.
- Pruning & Dead/diseased tree removal: Completed with the section that was planned this year. With the end of pruning & tree removal the plan is to concentrate on tree planting & stump removal.
- 90 Replacement trees will be in the gravel bed this Spring to be planted throughout the year.

**City Council Report:** Eric Sutherland and Megen Hines report...

- Stout Rd Project: Estimated to start in late June early July and last into September 2022.
- Wastewater Phosphorous removal project started and is expected to last into the summer of 2023.
- Stepping Stones received a State Grant to build a homeless shelter. A 1.5-million-dollar project.

### **Items for Next Meeting Agenda:**

1. Finalize plans for Arbor Day Celebration.

2. Tree selection in Nancy's honor.
3. Brochure for Arbor Day
4. New Board Member – Discussion

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday, April 20, 2022 at 2 pm Council Chambers – 1<sup>st</sup> Floor.

**Adjournment:** A motion was made by Mike Schendel to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Mike Smith.

Minutes submitted by: Tammy Eckert